

Continuity of Operation Planning / Continuity of Government Newsletter

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This newsletter is developed to inform employees of the State of Colorado on the efforts being performed to ensure the recovery of critical functions and the safety of employees in the face of man-made, or natural disaster.

Introduction

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the COOP/COG newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep employees informed about this important effort which could affect us all as employees and also residents of Colorado. This newsletter will be produced on a regular basis to show the progress being made and benefits to citizens, employees, and State government itself. Feel free to ask questions and provide feedback as this is a collaborative effort that affects everyone.

Training and Exercise Dates for 2009

Working with FEMA and the Region, we are beginning to put together some dates for training and exercises for next year. These are place holders at the moment and definitely a good time to express some interest as I will start creating attendee lists for these events

Rocky Mountain Intergovernmental Continuity Planning Council Quarterly Meeting

This meeting will focus on lessons learned from people who have experienced disasters and will talk on what did and didn't work for them. Presentations will be about the Montana floods, National Business Center Power Outage, NOAA and FEMA Water main breaks. This will be an afternoon session on February 12th at a place to be determined.

Continuity of Operations Program Managers Train the Trainer Class (L548)

The new dates are March 24-26 the earlier dates would have precluded us from using the new materials and we wanted to run an up to date class. Even with the new materials, I don't see a problem for those who took the earlier version being able to teach a module or two. This class is also available in Emmitsberg, MD who fund all but the per diem in what would be a week long travel commitment.

Continuity of Operations Planning Train the Trainer Class (L550)

This class has been offered only once in Denver and is part of the Continuity Excellence series. May 19-21 are the dates to pencil in for the moment. This class is also available in Emmitsberg, MD who fund all but the per diem in what would be a week long travel commitment.

Infragard Utility Exercise

The Local Infragard chapter is planning an exercise around critical infrastructure and the impact that would have on public and private organizations. This is still in the planning stage. It would be a good opportunity to participate in an exercise with your private sector partners.

Determined Accord Pandemic Influenza Exercise

This exercise is tentatively set for April 22nd for this one day exercise that is also part of the Continuity Excellence series. Attendance at this exercise is limited to 50 people and the intent is to get a cross section of Federal, State and Local agencies across a number of disciplines.

The **Local jurisdictions in the regions are planning table top exercises** May 5th, May 7th, June 2nd and June 4th. Given the interaction some State agencies have with local agencies, this might be an opportunity to participate or to act as an evaluator.

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